Sl. No.	Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Govts.)
4.	Kerala	2001 to 2006	841
		2007 (upto 31st January, 2007)	13
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (upto March 2007)	26
6.	Punjab*	2004	11
		2005	6
7.	Gujarat*	2005	7
		2006 (upto 30.05.2006)	1

* This information reported *vide* Government of Punjab letter dt. 21.03.06 relates to the cotton belt of Punjab. Government of Punjab has also reported that number of suicides by farmers due to debt burden in the year 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was 2, nil, 3 and 3 respectively. However, upto date data regarding suicide is awaited from the Governments of Punjab and Gujarat.

NB: The Nil report has been received from the States/UTs namely, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Haryana, Delhi, Sikkim, J & K, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar. The information from rest of the States/UTs is awaited.

Hiring tuna training boats

22. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) to hire tuna training boats from Norway and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many people would be trained on hired tuna boat in a year;

(d) whether it would be cheaper to send Indian youths for training abroad at much lower costs; and

(e) the steps proposed to study the costs of training with hired boats, etc. by CIFNET?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Decline in fish catches

23. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large population of fishermen who obtain fish catches from rivers in India;

(b) whether Government have received representations that surveys should be conducted on impact of dams on rivers and the subsequent decline in fish resources;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the livelihood of fishermen;

(e) whether Government propose to create alternate economic avenues for fishermen who lose their employment due to dams on rivers;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A representation has been received from the President of an organization called "Forum on Social & Human Rights", Polavaram, Andhra Pradesh regarding the need to conduct a survey to assess the impact of a dam, if built across the river Godavari at Polavaram, the West Godavari District Andhra Pradesh.

(d) to (f) The interest of the people affected by construction of dams on rivers including the fishermen are taken care of by the respective State Governments. However, Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes supplements their efforts to generate employment opportunities and protect the livelihood of the affected people including fishers.

(g) Does not arise.

Drip Irrigation Scheme

24. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared/proposed to prepare any action plan for Drip Irrigation Scheme under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed along with the extent to which they have been achieved during the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated and released thereunder during this period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation, which was launched during 2005-06 (January, 2006) the implementing agencies identified by the State Governments prepare Annual Action Plan for taking up Drip and Sprinkler irrigation and 50% of the system cost is provided as subsidy out of which, 40% is borne by the Central Government and 10% by the State Governments. The remaining 50% is borne by the beneficiary either through his/her own resources or soft loan from financial institutions.

(c) The State-wise physical and financial target and achievement for the last two years is given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) The State-wise funds allocated and released for the last two years is given in Statement-II.